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**PATENT**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: **Katsuhiko OKADA et al.**

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For: **PRODUCTION METHOD FOR POWDER COATING, POWDER COATING,  
AND PAINT FILM FORMATION METHOD**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Methods of removing solvent from a powder coating raw materials solution by using a supercritical fluid have also been proposed (Japanese Unexamined Patent Application, First Publication No. Hei 8-113652 and Published Japanese Translation No. Hei 8-503721 of PCT International Publication), although in these methods, operations need to be performed under high pressure conditions, and so a problem arises in that the equipment required for production is extremely expensive, making the methods inappropriate for industrial production.